

THE DAILY PRESS.
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OFFICIAL PAPER OF THE CITY.
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23
The Daily Press to be Issued Tomorrow as Usual.

The Daily Press will be issued, as usual, tomorrow, as we keep no holidays, and, like a *habeas corpus*, know no rest. We hope, in the meantime, that our many readers and patrons will enjoy a merry Christmas, and be as jolly as ever Mark Twain was in his most rollicking mood.

Secession Not Disunion.
The secessionists and the public journals at their command continually speak of secession and disunion as equivalent terms. They desire to assert to the proposition, that the secession of one or more States destroys the integrity of the "United States of America," as a government. When they come to give that question a practical determination, they will probably ascertain that secession from, and dissolution of, the Union, are two very different things. Disunion is not a necessary consequence of disintegration, even if the latter were practicable under the Constitution. The integrity of this nation as the "United States of America," does not depend upon its being composed of any given number of States. So long as two or more States remain loyal to the Constitution and the laws made in pursuance thereof, just so long will it remain the "United States of America," and its dissolution or destruction will depend simply upon its inability to maintain the one and enforce the other against *traitors* and *invaders* from without. The States proposing to secede have an immense interest in confounding the terms secession and disunion. If, by the former, they could secure the latter, then might they come in for an equitable allotment of their undivided interest in the territory and other property of the Government held by them while parties to the Union.

But, as secession is an act of usurpation, unprovided for under the Constitution, they can have no lawful redress; for the Government itself has neither authority nor power to authorize a State to secede; in other words, to be a party to its own disintegration. The authority exists no where, by which a State or States, or the Federal Government itself, can lessen the boundary of the Federal domain; and this disability must continue until the Constitution, in accordance with its provisions, shall have been so amended or altered as to permit the exercise of such a power. But, while thus denying the right of any State to secede, we hold to the opinion that the loyal citizens of these United States will consult their best interests by throwing no coercive obstruction in the way of those persons who may desire to remove themselves from under the fostering care and protection of the Federal Government. Let the General Government continue to exercise its functions as heretofore. Let it maintain its defenses, collect its revenues and enforce its laws against all who may seek to invade the first, obstruct the second or resist the latter. The fortifications and defenses of the nation are intended for its protection throughout its entire boundary, and no State or States can be permitted to cut a section out of that cordon, by which a door will be opened for invasion from without.

If the governmental postal arrangements within a State are unacceptable to the inhabitants thereof, let them be discontinued. The facilities thus afforded are probably of as much interest to them as to the Government; and if they will not attend to the distribution of mail-matter, it would be gratuitous to send the matter there. The Federal Courts are established within the States as a medium of redress for the citizens of said States. If the citizens of either of the States indicate the non-necessity of their continuance, by failing to supply the necessary officers for their maintenance, the citizens at large may find redress by a redistricting of those Courts by Congress. As to the collection of the revenues of the General Government, that is a matter that concerns citizens in general. Receivers of customs are but agents of the Government, stationed at different points. If no one within the limits of a particular State can be found, willing to perform this office, it is only necessary for the Government to send those who are willing to perform such service; and the citizens at large, when called upon by the constitutional authorities, will see to it, that they are promptly and efficiently sustained in the prosecution of a necessary and constitutional duty. No State will be permitted to serve as a channel through which importations may escape the duties thereon imposed. The forts of the Government, and revenue-cutters stationed at the forts of entry, will well subserve the purposes of abandoned custom-houses.

If, then, while in the exercise of its legitimate functions, the Government should be assailed or obstructed, does any man in the seceder suppose for a moment, that it would not be cheerfully, heartily and efficiently sustained by all lawful means, by every true and loyal citizen? By thus adopting a defensive but effective policy, the free States and the border slave States would find but little pretext for the exercise of their sympathies in behalf of those States that are so falsely bent upon the ruin of this great and glorious nation.

If, in pursuance of such a policy on the part of the Government, the refractory State or States can obtain any substantial advantages by secession, or can thereby secure to themselves any glory or reputation for wisdom; then will the result be mutually satisfactory.

The inhabitants of the North are neither a bigger nor a menacing people, and in the past, have proven themselves eminently patient and forbearing, in the face of injuries, wrongs and outrages that would have aroused, long ere this, the rebellious spirit of others, less discreet and less wise.
The time has come, however, when earnest warning must not be out of place. If, in the course of events, it should become manifest that the desert interests of the people are to be pathetically sacrificed or wantonly betrayed by those in authority, then will that people rise in the majesty of their strength, and hurl from place and from power those who may thus dare to dishonor and betray the sacred trust reposed in them by a heretofore too-confiding people. Until the dissolution extends so far as to make a further continuance of the present Government undesirable, its sovereignty must and will be maintained at all hazards.
It seems to be a far more conclusion, that

the people of at least two or three of the States will remove themselves from under the care and protection of the Federal Government; and if we are to believe the Southern press, a majority of the people of slave States are in favor of a like course. If they are to be taken as faithful exponents of Southern sentiments, then, indeed, the conflict is irrepressible. In view of this alleged certainty of things to come, we can only say, after mature deliberation and a careful estimate of the probable or possible consequences of the future, that, if these or any other States that may have a settled desire or purpose to share the fortunes of the "Cotton States," in the name of bad faith, let them go, and go at once.

We of the free States, who, as a body, have always been faithful to our obligations under the Constitution, are getting about tired of this continual and infamous threat of disunion, which has been sprung upon us by insolent and arrogant dictators and craven-hearted partisans, during each recurring Presidential campaign. If the theory of this Government has no other exemplification than that of "heads, I win; tails, you lose," we had better cease calling it a government of the people, and at once establish, and quietly submit to, an oligarchy. If it is true that bitterness and disaffection extend throughout the slave States, and are shared by a majority of their inhabitants, then let us at once separate. Let us then form that which will be in theory and in fact a free and independent nation. Let us fairly determine the problem as to whether twenty millions of free people are capable of governing themselves. On the other hand, let us see what will be the fate of a "Southern Confederacy," wherein human bondage will constitute the predominant interest. We desire to see that experiment entered upon in the noon of the nineteenth century. If it does not fall beneath the contempt and execration of the civilized world, then we are grievously mistaken in our estimate of its manhood, honesty, and virtue.

From the foundation of this Government, freedom has been compounding with slavery, and has thereby seriously impaired the foundation upon which it has been sought to rear a superstructure dedicated to liberty. The cent-per-cent. upon freedom which we have been paying as tribute to slavery, has been exacted from us from year to year, until at last it is proposed to swallow up the principal; and now, that we have asserted our manhood, and have emphatically protested, through the ballot-box, against such usury, they straightway proceed to put in execution their oft-repeated threat of dissolving the Union. They have commenced the double game of playing upon our fears and our cupidities; and it remains to be determined whether they will win or lose. Of one thing we feel well assured; the people of the free States will concede nothing, as a peace offering, to the present attitude of a portion of the South. In response to the reasonable requirements of the necessities of slavery, they will cheerfully grant all that may be consistent with their self-respect and the maintenance of the vital principle of this Government. If a constitutional majority of the people can no longer be permitted to govern these United States, it is about time for them to be dissolved. If its continuance is to be at the option of a capricious and blustering minority, then, we repeat, in the language of another: "Let it slide!"—a saying no longer commented upon by Southern prints and Northern Democratic journals!

COVINGTON NEWS.
SUSPENSION DURING THE HOLIDAYS.—For the purpose of giving the employees recreation, the Covington, on Thursday morning, of which Geo. W. Hall is the proprietor, and the rail-mill at the foot of Scott-street, suspended business last Saturday, and will, it is understood, resume business on the 21st of January. The first-named establishment employs 150 hands.
OPENING OF THE CIRCUIT COURT.—The Circuit Court convened in the Court-house in this city, yesterday morning, for a long session, Judge Samuel M. Moore presiding. The announcement of the Grand Jury as follows: Geo. B. Marshall, foreman; S. S. Newman, A. P. Sanford, D. De Garro, J. Westcott, W. H. Moore, Jacob Kyle, G. T. Rusk, C. Harbeck, J. A. Riggs, Wm. Graham, H. Dressman, Wm. Hopkins, L. L. Daniels, J. G. Dyer and Jackson Sparrow. But one case was disposed of—that of Peter Munn, for carrying concealed weapons, for which he was fined \$50, after which the Court adjourned until to-morrow.

SANGUINARY AND MURDEROUS ASSAULT.
On Sunday night, Henry Overhouse was assaulted by a couple of men in the vicinity of the wealth and Bank-street, without the least provocation. One of them named Henry Slaughter, struck him with a club-shot in the temple, and the other stabbed him with a knife in the left side. He was taken home in a dangerous condition, and yesterday morning he was attended upon by Doctor Sehwarz, who at three o'clock in the afternoon pronounced his recovery doubtful.

NEWPORT NEWS.
SCENE IN THE STREET AND A SCENE IN COURT.—Esquire Payne heard a case yesterday morning, of rather a peculiar character, growing, we learn, out of the following circumstances: One of our citizens, John H. Brooke, had been assailed by a letter, which he alleges was thrust under his door, and accusing that the Postoffice clerk, young Hallam, was guilty of the offense. On Saturday morning last he charged H. with it, Hallam denied the "soft impeachment," but Brooke persisted, at the same time making an assault on Hallam. The assault provoked Hallam to pick up a stone to throw at Brooke, which caused Brooke to draw a pistol upon Hallam. The facts draw the attention of the city officers, and yesterday morning Brooke was arraigned before Esquire Payne to answer. The defendant was fined \$5 and costs.

CHAMPION DANCING CLUB.—The Champion Dancing Association, of Newport, will give their first grand annual party on Thursday evening, at Oddfellows' Hall.

SPECIAL NOTICES.
THE BANK OF SAVINGS.
Sixth street, will be closed on CHRISTMAS DAY.
ALEX. VAN HART.
FUNERAL OF WILLIAM HART.
The funeral of WILLIAM HART, late of this city, will be held on Wednesday, December 24, at 10 o'clock, at the residence of Mr. HART, 24 N. 10th street.
THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS of the Cincinnati Typographical Union are requested to meet at their hall, on Vincent-street, (Friday) at 8 o'clock, to attend the funeral of Mr. HART.
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